



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : AKASHI, Hiroyuki et al.
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
JULY 1, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following preliminary amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.